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The SPECTATOR.

——Difficili Bile Tumet Jecur. Hor.

Friday, October 12. 1711.

THE preſent Paper ſhall conſiſt of two Letters, which obſerve upon Faults that are eaſily cured both in Love and in Friendſhip. In the latter, as far as it regards Converſation, the Perſon who neglecting an agreeable Friend is puniſhed in the tranſgreſſion; for a good Companion is not to every Room we go into. But the Caſe of [illegible] of a more delicate Nature, and the Anxieties inexpreſſible if every little Inſtance of Kindneſs is not reciprocal. There are things in this ſort of [illegible] which there are not Words to expreſs, [illegible] may not poſſibly know how to repreſent which yet may tear his Heart into ten thouſand Tortures. To be grave to a Man's Mirth, [illegible] to his Diſcourſe, or to interrupt either [illegible] ſomething that argues a Diſinclination to be entertained by him, has in it ſomething ſo diſagreeable that the utmoſt Steps which may be made in [illegible] Enmity cannot give greater Torment. The [illegible] who ſets up for an Indifference and [illegible] Heedleſneſs, gives her Husband all the [illegible] imaginable out of mere Inſolence, with [illegible] peculiar Vanity, That ſhe is to look as gay as [illegible] in the Character of a Wife. It is no [illegible] what is the Reaſon of a Man's Grief, if it [illegible] as it is. Her unhappy Man is convinced [illegible] means him no Diſhonour, but pines to [illegible] becauſe ſhe will not have ſo much Deference [illegible] as to avoid the Appearances of it. The [illegible] of the following Letter is perplexed with [illegible] that is in a Degree yet leſs criminal, and [illegible] Source of the utmoſt Unhappineſs.

MR. SPECTATOR,

'I have read your Papers which relate to Jealouſy, and deſire your Advice in my Caſe, which you will ſay is not common. I have a Wife of whoſe Virtue I am not in the leaſt doubtful; yet cannot be ſatisfied ſhe loves me, which gives me as great Uneaſineſs as being faulty the other way would do. I know not whether I am not yet more miſerable than in that Caſe, for ſhe keeps Poſſeſſion of my Heart without the Return of her's. I would deſire your Obſervations upon that Temper in ſome Women, who will not condeſcend to convince their Husbands of their Innocence or their Love, but are wholly negligent of what Reflections the poor Men make upon their Conduct (ſo they cannot call it criminal,) when at the ſame time a little Tenderneſs of Behaviour, or Regard to ſhew an Inclination to pleaſe them, would make them entirely at eaſe. Do not ſuch Women deſerve all the Miſinterpretation which they neglect to avoid? or are they not in the actual Practice of Guilt, who care not whether they are thought guilty or not? If my Wife does the moſt ordinary thing, as viſiting her Siſter, or taking the Air with her Mother, it is always carried with the Air of a Secret: Then ſhe will ſometimes tell a thing of no Conſequence, as if it was only want of Memory made her conceal it before; and this only to dally with my Anxiety. I have complained to her of this Behaviour in the gentleſt Terms imaginable, and beſeeched her not to uſe him who deſired only to live with her like an indulgent Friend, as the moſt moroſe and unſociable Husband in the World. It is no eaſy Matter to deſcribe our Circumſtance, but it is miſerable with this Aggravation, That it might be eaſily mended, and yet no Remedy endeavoured. She reads you, and there is a Phraſe or two in this Letter which ſhe will know come from me. If we enter into an Explanation which may tend to our future Quiet by your Means, you ſhall have our joint Thanks: In the mean time I am, (as much as I can in this ambiguous Condition be any thing)

SIR,

Your humble Servant.

Mr.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'GIVE me Leave to make you a Preſent of a 'Character not yet deſcrib'd in your Papers; 'which is that of a Man who treats his Friend 'with the ſame odd Variety which a fantaſtical Female Tyrant practiſes towards her Lover. I have 'for ſome Time had a Friendſhip with one of theſe 'mercurial Perſons: The Rogue I know loves me, 'yet takes Advantage of my Fondneſs for him to 'uſe me as he pleaſes. We are by Turns the beſt 'Friends and the greateſt Strangers imaginable: 'Sometimes you would think us inſeparable; at 'other Times he avoids me for a long Time, yet 'neither he nor I know why. When we meet next 'by Chance, he is amaz'd he has not ſeen me, is 'impatient for an Appointment the ſame Evening; 'and when I expect he ſhou'd have kept it, I have 'known him ſlip away to another Place; where he 'has ſate reading the News, when there is no Poſt; 'ſmoaking his Pipe, which he ſeldom cares for; 'and ſtaring about him in Company with whom he 'has had nothing to do, as if he wonder'd how 'he came there.

'That I may ſtate my Caſe to you the more 'fully, I ſhall tranſcribe ſome ſhort Minutes I have 'taken of him in my Almanack ſince laſt Spring; 'for you muſt know there are certain Seaſons of the 'Year, according to which, I will not ſay our Friend-'ſhip, but the Enjoyment of it riſes or falls: In '*March* and *April* he was as various as the Wea-'ther; in *May* and Part of *June*, I found him 'the ſprightlieſt beſt-humour'd Fellow in the World; 'in the Dog-days, he was much upon the Indo-'lent; in *September* very agreeable, but very buſy; 'and ſince the Glaſs fell laſt to changeable, he has 'made three Appointments with me, and broke 'them every one. However I have good Hopes of 'him this Winter, eſpecially if you will lend me your 'Aſſiſtance to reform him, which will be a great 'Eaſe and Pleaſure to,

October 9, 1711. *SIR,*

Your moſt humble Servant.

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